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Man Pleads No Contest for Fatal Car Crash During Street Racing in Willowbrook

A 20-year-old motorist has entered a no contest plea for killing a woman during a hit-and-run crash in Willowbrook in May, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Tyree Coleman (dob 2/26/99) of Los Angeles entered the plea yesterday to one felony count each of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and hit-and-run driving resulting in death or serious injury to another person.

Coleman was immediately sentenced to seven years in state prison.

On May 11, the defendant raced another vehicle when he ran a stop sign near 131st Street and Towne Avenue and crashed into a vehicle driven by Bethany Holguin, 23, prosecutors said. Holguin died as a result of her injuries and her brother who was a passenger in the vehicle was gravely injured, prosecutors added.

The defendant then fled the scene in the vehicle that had been racing him, prosecutors said.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel C. Bevitz was the assigned prosecutor.

Case TA149407 was investigated by the California Highway Patrol, South Los Angeles Station.

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